

Boys of 118th Mustered Out

South Carolina Regiment of 30th on Way Home

Columbia, April 1.—The 118th Infantry, the South Carolina regiment of the 30th Division, was mustered out of service last night and the boys are today on their way to their homes in various sections of the State.

Watch Meat Jump

Packers Released from Control of Food Administration.

Washington, April 1.—All meat packers were released today from food administration control, under a proclamation signed by President Wilson at Paris. A cablegram from Herbert Hoover at Paris notified the officials of the proclamation.

Daughters in Session

Thirty-Ninth Meeting in Louisville

Louisville, April 1.—Delegates from throughout the country today formally opened the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Children of the Confederacy also convened.

Just German Plot

Hungarian Revolution Engineered by Karolyi for Germans

Paris, April 1.—A document in the possession of the French and Rumanian governments, the newspapers say, prove that the advent of the communist regime in Hungary was due largely to the maneuver of Count Karolyi in conjunction with the German government. The movement was aimed directly at the allied powers, it was said.

Cotton Fire at Darlington

More Than 1,000 Bales Destroyed; Loss is Over \$250,000

Darlington, April 1.—Fire of unknown origin, discovered in the warehouses adjoining the Atlantic Coast Line Railway station early tonight destroyed over 1,000 bales of cotton in the warehouses and on the platform adjoining. Most of the cotton was the property of Vernon Company, of Darlington, but there were other losers also. The loss is estimated at more than \$250,000. In addition to the cotton large quantities of groceries and fertilizers, the property of the Cox-Vernon Company were stored in the warehouses and were lost. It was late in the night before the fire was under control after the warehouses and platform, 400 feet in length had been completely destroyed. The fire had gained much headway before it was discovered by citizens.

London, April 2.—Reports that a revolution against the soviet government has broken out in Petrograd are supported by an official Russian wireless message received here, which says that there is a serious strike of railway men in the Petrograd region. The strike is said to be promoted by the Mensheviks and Social revolutionaries.

What Railroads Cost

People Lose Two Hundred Million During Year

Atlanta, March 31.—Loss to the American people during government operation in 1918 amounted to "something over \$200,000,000," Director General Hines said in an address on the railroad administration before the President's Club here tonight. The \$200,000,000 operating fund appropriated by congress and the \$750,000,000 which he said he expected the next congress to make available will be returned to the federal treasury less the \$200,000,000 lost, when private operation is resumed. Many people, the director general added, assume that the \$500,000,000 already appropriated and the \$750,000,000 expected would be a total loss. The revolving fund, he explained, represent loans to roads and capital tied up in operation of the roads after subtraction of the \$200,000,000 loss during 1918.

"An unprecedentedly bad winter" during 1918, the fact that increased expenses were prevailing during the whole 12 months and the increased rates only six months and "a great deal of additional expense to meet the demands of war" were cited by Mr. Hines as reasons for the \$200,000,000 loss which he added "can be fairly charged off as a war burden."

Mr. Hines asserted his policy was to "give the best possible public service and get as far away as possible, as rapidly as possible, from the inconvenience of the war period." He added that he regarded government operation as only temporary.

The Credit of Cotton Men

Bankers Discuss Holding Movement and Marketing

New Orleans, April 1.—If the South is to succeed in its plan for holding and creating a year-round cotton market a system must be devised for obtaining credit support from banks in all parts of the United States. J. S. Gillespie of the Tension National Bank, Dallas, Texas, told members of the Association of Reserve City Bankers at the second day's session of their seventh annual convention here today. Mr. Gillespie's address on "Cotton as a Basis for Bank Credit" was delivered in executive session, and made public tonight.

Invitations were received from Cleveland, Boston, Chicago, Kansas and Milan, Tenn., to hold the 1920 convention in those cities. It was said. Southern banks, Mr. Gillespie said, probably cannot handle conveniently all the credit instruments they would be called on to carry under widespread holding movement.

Other addresses were made on various subjects as a basis for bank credit, including "Wool and Hides," "Tobacco," "Cattle," "Automobiles" and "Sugar and Coffee." "Europe has been financing the larger part of our cotton and has been getting it at a bargain," Mr. Gillespie said. "I do not think we will ever revert to the old way. The farmers have had a taste of holding and getting more money for their cotton, and I believe in the future, when one wants to know the amount of spot cotton in the world, he will look to the South instead of Europe and the Eastern seaboard."

Berlin, April 2.—In a collision between strikers and government troops at Stuttgart Tuesday three persons were killed and many wounded. The demonstrators eventually dispersed and order was restored.

Baker Goes Abroad

Washington, April 1.—Secretary Baker will sail from New York next Monday on the transport Leviathan for France to attend meetings of the American liquidation commission and direct winding up of the affairs of the American army in France. Mr. Baker will be accompanied by C. W. Cuthell, the war department's representative on the board considering inter-allied claims growing out of the war by various belligerents, and Stanley King his private secretary. Mr. Baker said today his stay abroad would be brief. The secretary said he had not decided whether he would visit the army of occupation.

The secretary will leave Washington Sunday night for New York and will sail early Monday morning. The coming trip to France will be the third to be made by Mr. Baker, but the first since the signing of the armistice.

With President Wilson in Paris and Secretary Daniels also abroad, it was said here tonight that it would be the first time in history of the nation that the commander in chief of the army and navy and the heads of the two military departments have been absent from the country at the same time.

W. J. Oliver Indicted

Knoxville, Tenn., April 1.—Charges of sabotage, fraud and conspiracy to defraud the government in the manufacture of shells and munitions of war are contained in indictments of many counts returned by the United States grand jury here this afternoon against William J. Oliver, president of the Knoxville Board of Commerce, and nine other defendants, officers and employees of the Oliver Manufacturing Company.

Those indicted in addition to Oliver are J. S. Waterman, Thomas P. Roberts, J. E. Campbell, C. Webber, John Godfrey, Thomas E. Roberts, Charles H. Wood, John M. Walker and John Dean. A separate indictment was returned against J. A. Zeigler, a former employee of the Oliver Manufacturing Company, and a witness for the government at the grand jury investigation.

When the true bills were reported in Federal Court, Judge Edward Sanford ordered the issuance of instant capias for the arrest of the defendants and they will be arraigned tomorrow for pleading.

Judge Sanford also fixed the bond of Oliver at \$25,000; that of Waterman, Campbell and Thomas P. Roberts at \$10,000, and the others at \$5,000, with the exception of Zeigler, whose bond was placed at \$1,000. These bonds are the same as those under which the defendants were held for preliminary hearing after their arrests last October.

Japs in Mexico

Mexican Government Announces Sale of Land in Lower California

Mexico City, April 1.—Salvador Gomez of the department of agriculture and development, officially denied tonight the reports that Japanese subjects had bought lands in Lower California.

Berlin, April 2.—An investigation was begun yesterday before the imperial military court into the case of Captain Fryatt, the British mercantile Marine commander who was executed by the Germans in 1916 after his conviction by a German court martial of having attempted to ram a submarine with his vessel.

Reduction Exceeds One-Third

Cotton Association Gets Reports From Many States

Columbia, April 1.—The central committee of the South Carolina Cotton Association, leaders in the cotton reduction movement, today received telegrams from practically all States in the South and in every case the reports, which were from official records, show that the entire South is awake to cotton reduction movement and is reducing by more than one-third. In some cases the percentage goes as high as 40 per cent.

The central committee meets tomorrow to tabulate these reports for the State cotton convention on Thursday, which promises to be the largest agricultural gathering ever held in the State. A sentiment has been built up in this State which makes it impossible for a farmer to plant his last year's acreage.

United States To Be Hands Off

No Troops to Be Sent to South-eastern or Eastern Europe

London, April 1.—President Wilson has informed other members of the American delegation to the peace conference that no American soldiers should be used in any trouble in Eastern or Southeastern Europe, a Central News dispatch from Paris says.

Visit Devastated Region

Peace Delegates to Spend Sunday in War Zone

Paris, April 2.—The French government has invited all delegates to the peace conference to visit the devastated regions of northern France on Sunday. It is planned to take the delegates to the former battle zone on a train leaving Paris Saturday night, going to Lens, Arras and other cities. Members of the American delegation will go but it is yet unknown whether they will join the party.

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PROCLAMATION

To The People Of South Carolina:

For long centuries the great majority of Jewish peoples have been oppressed politically, and in other ways have been harassed. They have had no nation and no home except under the dominion of other peoples. But the Jews have not allowed their race to be lost, despite autocracy and the unfriendly attitude of many of their European rulers. Palestine, their ancient home, has long been under the heel of the cruel Turk; old Russia, where approximately half of the four million Jews of the world resided, was none too kind to them. Autocratic Austria-Hungary, where another million lived, gave them small opportunity for self-assertion. Relatively few Jews have enjoyed the freedom of England or France, and only some three or four millions enjoy the freedom of the United States.

The Jews have subsisted in the hope of a better day. The dawn of that day is at hand, for rights of the smaller peoples have been written into international ethics. But the Jews of Europe cannot see nor attain the goal if they are to be left starving and in rags. Their plight in Poland is pitiable, as it is in other parts of old Russia; neither do those residing in old Austria-Hungary enjoy full opportunity.

Having given generously to various war funds, and having fought well in the battle lines, the Jews of America now ask their Gentile citizens to come to their assistance. They cannot alone rescue their brothers in Europe. Their appeal to the populace as a whole is a worthy appeal. The world owes much to the Jew, and to the Jew of today.

Therefore, I, R. A. Cooper, Governor of South Carolina do designate April 7th, 8th, and 9th as Jewish War Relief Days in this State, and do

call upon the people to lend an attentive ear to the cries of distress from the Jews in Europe.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen

R. A. Cooper, Governor
W. Banks Dove, Sec. of State.

M'Adoo Takes Post

Becomes Special Railroad Counsel for New York State

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—William G. McAdoo former secretary of the treasury and director general of railroads, has upon request of Director General Hines consented to act as special counsel to the railroad administration with reference to matters arising in the State of New York. Announcement to this effect was made here today by Mr. Hines, who has been on a tour of inspection of regional directing offices. Mr. McAdoo stipulated the announcement said, that he should not be compensated for his services.

King Visits President

Albert of Belgium Arrives in Paris by Airplane

Paris, April 2.—King Albert of Belgium, who arrived from Brussels yesterday by airplane, paid President Wilson a visit today.

Paris, April 2.—Germany will not persist in her opposition to the use of Danzig by Polish troops, enroute from France to Poland, according to advices reaching Paris newspapers.

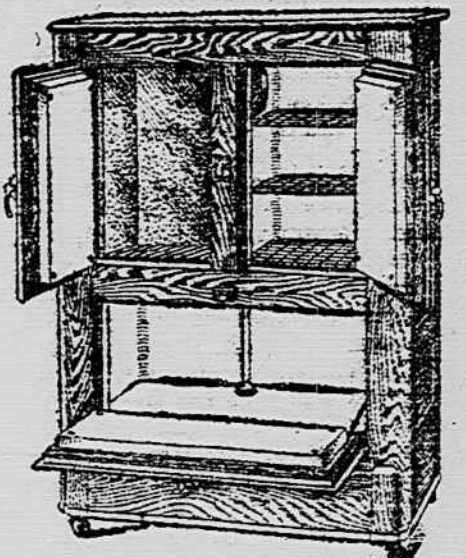
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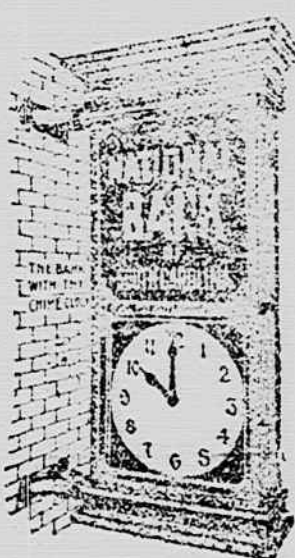
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